

79 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

- 1 The Lord spoke to Moses:
2 “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel
and say to them:
‘You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
17 “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin;
you shall reprove your neighbour,
or you will incur guilt yourself.
18 You shall not take vengeance
or bear a grudge against any of your people,
but you shall love your neighbour as yourself:
I am the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103.1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13 (R.8)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**
3 It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**
8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R.**
12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
13 As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3.16-23

*All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ,
and Christ belongs to God.*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
- 17 If anyone destroys God's temple,
God will destroy that person.
For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
- 18 Do not deceive yourselves.
If you think that you are wise in this age,
you should become fools so that you may become wise.
- 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.
For it is written,
"He catches the wise in their craftiness,"
- 20 and again,
"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are futile."
- 21 So let no one boast about human leaders.
For all things are yours –
- 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas,
or the world or life or death,
or the present or the future –
all belong to you,
- 23 and you belong to Christ,
and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See 1 John 2.5

*This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.*

*Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 5.38-48

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

On the mountain, Jesus continued to teach his disciples.

38 “You have heard that it was said,

‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’

39 But I say to you,

Do not resist an evildoer.

But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek,
turn the other also;

40 and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat,
give your cloak as well;

41 and if anyone forces you to go one mile,
go also the second mile.

42 Give to everyone who begs from you,
and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

43 “You have heard that it was said,

‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’

44 But I say to you,

Love your enemies

and pray for those who persecute you,

45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven;
for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good,
and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

46 “For if you love those who love you,
what reward do you have?

Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters,
what more are you doing than others?

Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

The gospel of the Lord.